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Charge Lawyer In Row Over DA Kin's Funds

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The attorney for the New Orleans Aviation Board has been charged with illegal use of \$50,000 belonging to District Attorney Jim Garrison's mother.

The lawyer, Robert G. Haik, was freed on \$2,500 bond and the case was allotted today to the court of Criminal District Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara.

The bill of information against Haik was filed Monday by Assistant Dist. Atty. William R. Alford Jr. It contained few details.

The bill charges that on June 11, 1969, Haik "unlawfully and intentionally did take and use U.S. currency in the amount of \$50,000 belonging to Jane Gardinier without her consent but without the intention to deprive said Jane Gardinier of said U.S. currency."

Mrs. Gardinier lives in Mississippi.

The law Haik is accused of violating is known as the

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illegal use of movables statute and is usually invoked against persons who steal autos for joyriding without intending to keep them.

Haik was an unsuccessful candidate for the state legislature in 1961 and 1962.

HAIK ISSUED this statement:

"Several weeks ago Jim Garrison's mother, Mrs. Jane Garrison Gardinier, instituted suit in U.S. District Court in New Orleans as a result of a dispute over the ownership of oil and gas properties.

"This matter now is pending in federal court.

"My attorneys have answered this suit and requested some rejudgement. After I filed my answer to Garrison's mother's suit, Jim Garrison has now seen fit to charge me criminally in Criminal District Court.

"**HIS EFFORTS** to charge me in Criminal District Court are nothing more than an attempt to sidestep the jurisdiction of the federal court and bring me into what he thinks is his ballpark — the criminal district court.

"These methods of Jim Garrison are nothing more than an effort to force me into capitulating in my defense in the federal court suit.

"This is just another example of Jim Garrison using his public office for the personal gain of himself and his family."